Amendment to the Claims

- 1. (Currently Amended) A pneumatic tire having a rubber component where the rubber in said component is comprised of
- (A) from 1 to 25 weight percent of high impact polystyrene comprising greater no less than 90 percent by weight of units derived from styrene and less than not in excess of 10 percent by weight of units derived from a monomer of the formula

$$R_1$$
— CH = C — $(CH_2)_n$ — R_3
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 R_2

wherein R₁ and R₃ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkyl groups of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, carboalkoxy or R₁ and R₃ taken together represent an anhydride linkage (—COOC—) and R₂ is selected from hydrogen, vinyl, alkyl or alkenyl groups having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl, carboalkoxy, alkoxy-alkyl, alkyl carboxy, ketoxy, halogen, carboxy, cyano or pyridyl and n is 0 or an integer from 1 to 9; and

- (B) from 75 to 99 weight percent of a rubber containing olefinic unsaturation.
- 2. (Original) The pneumatic tire of claim 1 wherein said component is comprised of from 2 to 10 weight percent of high impact polystyrene.
- 3. (Original) The pneumatic tire of claim 2 wherein said high impact polystyrene is modified with polybutadiene.
- 4. (Original) The pneumatic tire of claim 2 wherein said high impact polystyrene is modified with styrene-butadiene rubber.
- 5. (Original) The pneumatic tire of claim 1 wherein said rubber is selected from the group consisting of natural rubber, neoprene, polyisoprene, butyl rubber, halobutyl rubber, polybutadiene, styrene butadiene copolymer, styrene/isoprene/butadiene rubber, methylmethacrylate-butadiene copolymer, isoprene-styrene copolymer, methylmethacrylate-isoprene copolymer, acrylonitrile-isoprene copolymer, acrylonitrile-butadiene copolymer,

carboxylated rubber, EPDM, silicon-coupled star-branched polymers, tin-coupled star-branched polymers and mixtures thereof.

6. (Original) The pneumatic tire of claim 1 wherein from 0.5 to 20 phr of a sulfur containing organosilicon compound is present and is of the formula:

$$Z$$
-Alk- S_n -Alk- Z

in which Z is selected from the group consisting of

where R_4 is an alkyl group of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, cyclohexyl or phenyl; R_5 is alkoxy of 1 to 8 carbon atoms, or cycloalkoxy of 5 to 8 carbon atoms; Alk is a divalent hydrocarbon of 1 to 18 carbon atoms and n is an integer of 2 to 8.

- 7. (Original) The pneumatic tire of claim 1 wherein said composition is thermomechanically mixed at a rubber temperature in a range of from 140°C to 190°C for a total mixing time of from 1 to 20 minutes.
- 8. (Original) The pneumatic tire of claim 1 wherein said tire is selected from the group consisting of passenger tires, motorcycle, aircraft tires, agricultural, earthmover, off-the-road and truck tires.
 - 9. (Original) The pneumatic tire of claim 1 where said tire is a radial.
- 10. (Original) A pneumatic tire of claim 1 wherein said rubber component is selected from the group consisting of a tread cap, tread base, sidewall, apex, chafer, sidewall insert, wirecoat, beadcoat, innerliner and ply coat.
 - 11. (Original) The pneumatic tire of claim 10 wherein said component is a tread.